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Responsive to the action dated November 14, 2002, applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to methods of assaying the functionality of a translation product of a mutant $\Delta\text{TR}\alpha 2$ gene in a cell comprising binding a labeled $\Delta\text{TR}\alpha 2$ ligand to the translation product in a cell and measuring the amount, location or rate of transit of the ligand in the cell. The election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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